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Tony Petruska
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Re: News Democrat Journal Article

Dear Tony,

Following the February 1st public availability session, the News Democrat Journal in Jefferson County wrote an article (Kevin Carbery, Staff writer) on which the paper put a subtitle "State, federal officials say order is too little, too late".

When Jim Lanzafame inquired of you concerning the statement and whether you felt that way, you indicated that you had determined that no one made that comment. You asked someone from your team to call the paper. On that call, the reporter stated that he did not have that quote from anyone at the state or EPA and he said that the headline writer fabricated it.

Would you mind verifying these facts to me in-writing? We are concerned that the newspaper report will be used as evidence, at some point in the future, that these statements were made by EPA and DNR.

Thank you.


Dan Vornberg

Cc: Jim Lanzafame

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